

A day in the life of our Golden Oldies

8am - Our older residents love routine and are very good at knowing what happens at various parts of the day. They are the first group to be fed as they don't have forage (hay or feed) overnight so are ready and waiting first thing in the morning! To make sure they eat all their food, some are put in corrals (special pens) so they have their own area for breakfast. They know who goes where, and sometimes they take themselves to the right place!

9am - The checkers arrive (specially trained staff members that check our residents and their paddocks twice a day). They let the horses out of their corrals, check them over and provide any medication they may need. On warm days, any night time rugs are taken off so they don't overheat or are swapped for lighter weight (less thick) rugs in colder, wet weather.

10:30am - 1pm - It's important to check the weight of our residents. It's a short walk to the scales, which can be uncomfortable for those with stiff joints or poor feet, so we provide special boots that have extra padding to make the walk more comfortable.

2pm - Similar to the morning routine, residents are in their own corrals or waiting within the paddock ready for lunch and the checkers will visit again around 3pm. In colder weather, rugs are put on or swapped to keep them warm throughout the chilly nights.

8pm - It's important to check our residents throughout the evening too, so our Nights Team will see them one last time before we start all over again the next day!